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the Expression of HIV Coreceptor, CCR5 With

Product R

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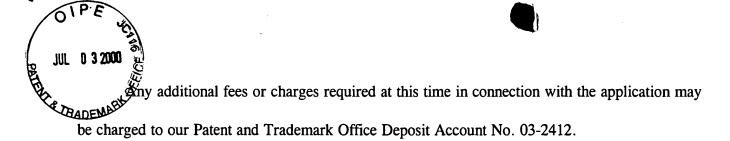
SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Election of Invention dated June 21, 2000, applicants submit as follows:

Applicants elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-4) for further prosecution in the above captioned application.

Claims 5-6 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.



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